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In re the Application of:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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☐ This IDS is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(c), that is after mailing of a first Office action on the merits, but before a Final Action under 37 CFR § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311.

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Though no dates appear on Items CB and CC cited herein, it is noted that Items CA, CB and CC on the attached Form PTO-1449 and of which copies are enclosed, were cited and are of record in parent patent 6,370,811 to the present reissue application and thus are cited herein.

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- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-4455 for any additional fees which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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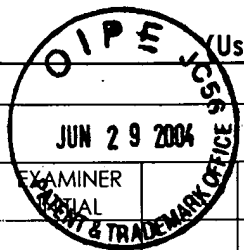
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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AB	5,329,726	7/1994	Thorne et al.			
AC	5,575,105	11/1996	Otomo			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)		
	CA	"Systematic Termite Control™" brochure; FMC Corporation; 7/99; 2 pp.
	CB	"Termatrol Pro" brochure; Sector Diagnostics, LLC; no date; 2 pp.
	CC	"Quarterra Extended Inspection Interval Station" brochure; Ensystex; no date; 2 pp.
	CD	U.S. Application Ser. No. 10/407,253 which is a reissue application of Pat. No. 6,266,918
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